

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of performing an address look-up, the method comprising:

receiving a Domain Name System (DNS) query, at a terminal, from a local host resolver requesting address information;

determining whether the address information is stored in memory of the terminal;

transmitting the address information by the terminal to the local host resolver if the address information is stored in the memory;

forwarding the query over a wide area network via a satellite to a remote computer system that is configured as a name server to retrieve the address information, if the address information is not stored in the memory, wherein the satellite is remote from the terminal; and

receiving a multicast message to pre-load the memory with the address information.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:
updating the address information in memory with the retrieved address information from the remote computer system.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the query in the receiving step specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding to the domain name is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A terminal apparatus for transmitting packets over a wide area network, comprising:

a communication interface configured to receive a Domain Name System (DNS) query from a local host resolver requesting address information;

a memory configured to store address information; and

a processor coupled to the memory and the communication interface, the processor being configured to determine whether the address information associated with the query is stored in the memory, and to selectively transmit the address information to the local host resolver in response to the determination, the processor being configured to forward the query over the wide area network via a satellite to a remote computer system that is configured as a name server to retrieve the address information, wherein the satellite is remote from the terminal,

wherein the communication interface is configured to receive a multicast message to pre-load the memory with the address information.

7. (Previously Presented) The terminal apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the processor is further configured to update the address information in the memory with the retrieved address information from the remote computer system.

8. (Original) The terminal apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the query specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding to the domain name is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A system for performing an address look-up, comprising:

a terminal configured to receive a Domain Name System (DNS) query from a local host resolver requesting address information, the terminal comprising,

a memory configured to store address information, and

a processor coupled to the memory and configured to determine whether the address

information associated with the query is stored in the memory, and to selectively transmit the address information to the local host resolver in response to the determination; and

a name server communicating with the terminal over a wide area network via a satellite, the server being configured to receive the query from the terminal and to transmit the address information corresponding to the query to the terminal, wherein the satellite is remote from the terminal, wherein the terminal is configured to receive a multicast message to pre-load the memory with the address information.

12. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 11, wherein the processor is further configured to update the address information in the memory with the address information from the name server.

13. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 11, wherein ~~the query specifies a domain name, and~~ the address information ~~corresponding to the domain name~~ is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A terminal apparatus capable of performing an address look-up, the terminal apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a Domain Name System (DNS) query from a local host resolver requesting address information;

means for determining whether the address information is stored in memory of the terminal;

means for transmitting the address information to the local host resolver if the address information is stored in the memory;

means for forwarding the query over a wide area network via a satellite to a remote computer system that is configured as a name server to retrieve the address information, if the

address information is not stored in the memory, wherein the satellite is remote from the terminal apparatus; and

means for receiving a multicast message to pre-load the memory with the address information.

17. (Previously Presented) The terminal apparatus according to Claim 16, further comprising: means for updating the address information in memory with the retrieved address information from the computer system.

18. (Original) The terminal apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the query specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding to the domain name is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions for performing an address look-up, the one or more sequences of one or more instructions including instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the steps of:

receiving a Domain Name System (DNS) query, at a terminal, from a local host resolver requesting address information;

determining whether the address information is stored in memory of the terminal;

transmitting the address information by the terminal to the local host resolver if the address information is stored in the memory;

forwarding the query over a wide area network to a remote computer system that is configured as a name server to retrieve the address information, if the address information is not stored in the memory, wherein the satellite is remote from the terminal; and

receiving a multicast message to pre-load the memory with the address information.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21, wherein the one or more processors further perform the step of:

updating the address information in memory with the retrieved address information from the remote computer system.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium according to Claim 21, wherein the query in the receiving step specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding to the domain name is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of performing an address look-up over a satellite network including a satellite, the method comprising:

receiving a Domain Name System (DNS) query, at a satellite terminal, from a local host resolver requesting address information, wherein the satellite terminal is configured to communicate with the satellite;

determining whether the address information is stored in a cache;

transmitting the address information to the local host resolver in response to determining that the address information is stored in the cache;

selectively forwarding the query over the satellite network to a name server to retrieve the address information; and

receiving a multicast message containing a plurality of address information to pre-load the cache.

27. (Original) The method according to Claim 26, further comprising:
refreshing the address information in the cache with the retrieved address information from the server.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 26, wherein ~~the query in the receiving step specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding to the domain name~~ is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A satellite terminal for communicating over a satellite to provide address information, comprising:

a cache configured to store address information; and

a processor coupled to the memory and configured to determine whether a Domain Name System (DNS) query from a host resolver requesting a particular address information produces a hit in the cache, wherein a cache hit causes transmission of the address information to the host resolver, the processor being configured to forward the query over the satellite to a name server to retrieve the particular address information, the cache being updated with the retrieved particular address information, wherein the cache is pre-loaded with address information via a multicast message.

31. (Currently Amended) The terminal according to Claim 30, wherein ~~the query specifies a domain name, and the address information corresponding~~ corresponds to the domain name is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)